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SUBJECT: IRANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS CHINESE  
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Classified By: Political Section Deputy Robert Griffiths. Reasons 1.4  
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(C) Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met with Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai March 1 in Beijing. MFA officials confirmed the meeting after poloff observed the Iranian delegation at the Foreign Ministry, but did not describe the content of the consultations. Japanese Political Counselor Kazuhiro Suzuki separately told poloff that Araghchi is in Beijing, that he will travel to Tokyo tomorrow for consultations and that the Chinese refused a Japanese request for a readout on Araghchi's visit.  
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